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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 10-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Invention I, claims 7-20, in the reply filed on August 9, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that classification and field of search are by the examiner to be exactly the same. This is not found persuasive because Applicants have not shown that the groups are not patentably distinct. Admission on the record by Applicants that the groups are not patentably distinct will result in rejoinder. Applicants appear to be arguing that same subclass of classification means same invention. If such were carried to its logical conclusion there could only be one patent per subclass and Applicants could be denied a patent on the basis that there is already at least one patent in Class 324, Subclass 142. It is noted that each distinct invention beyond one is a burden in that it draws the attention of the Examiner to its own requirements. Examination requires focus to follow search leads and patterns of logic in formulating applications of the prior art to that which is claimed. When the Examiner has to pursue several search patterns of logic simultaneously or serially, added burden is presented. In order to examine several inventions and/or species simultaneously or serially, added effort beyond that necessary for one invention or species must be expended. Where the effort is serial and the jobs are different the added burden is obvious. Digging two equal holes of the same size requires twice the effort of digging one hole. Such is an obvious conclusion. It can be argued that some inventions or species can be examined simultaneously but such is true only if they are not patentably distinct, that is, if that which applies to any one applies to all others. Where inventions or species are patentably distinct each requires separate

consideration. As a for instance, consider a properly restrictable apparatus and method of use of that apparatus where one has details without correspondence in the other. Finding references anticipating or making obvious one does not necessarily render the other unpatentable. Having to examine the other constitutes a burden. If the apparatus and method of the above example are not patentably distinct no burden is presented in examining both since if one falls the other falls as well. As a second for instance, consider a properly restrictable combination and subcombination where all the details of the subcombination are not necessary for the combination. Finding references anticipating or making obvious one does not necessarily render the other unpatentable. Having to examine the other is a burden. If the combination and subcombination of the above example are not patentably distinct no burden is presented in examining both since if one falls the other falls as well. Admission on the record that the groups are not patentably distinct will result in rejoinder.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 21-33 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected Invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on August 9, 2004.
3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the power supply, for

receiving any input voltage within a wide dynamic range of standard service voltages, comprising a transformer having first and second windings in claim 7 and a third winding in claim 8 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). It is not apparent what components in the figures correspond to, respectively, in the claims. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. Claim 7 contains limitations directed to intended use such as "for measuring," and "capable of." In consideration of the limitations as claimed, no patentable weight

has been given to the functional language "for measuring electrical energy usage over a wide dynamic range of standard service voltages, wherein the electrical energy meter is used by an electric utility for customer billing purposes," "can be connected to a polyphase ..." and "capable of receiving any input voltage within the wide dynamic range of standard service voltages."

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kralej et al (4055803).

Kralej et al anticipates (Figure 2) an electric energy meter (col 1, ln 37-41) *for* measuring electrical energy usage over a wide dynamic range of standard service voltages, wherein the electrical energy meter is used by an electric utility for customer billing purposes, and wherein the electrical energy meter *can be* connected to a polyphase electrical service (col 10, ln 53-64) to measure electrical energy on more than one phase at a time, the meter having a power supply comprising: a transformer (7') having first (left side) and second (52) windings, the power supply being *capable of* receiving any input voltage within the wide dynamic range of standard service voltages, which input voltage is provided to the first winding so that current flows through the first

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winding, wherein the second winding defines an output of the power supply, wherein the output is regulated (circuit electrically connected to 52; col 6, ln 16-28) to provide a predetermined output voltage (any one of +13 Volts, +6.2 Volts, -6.2 Volts or -13 Volts) independent of the input voltage, and wherein the wide range of service voltages include RMS voltages *between about* 96 Vrms and about 528 Vrms; as recited in claim 7.

As to claim 9, having a charge means (58 or 59) connected to the second winding for storing an electrical charge when current is flowing through the first winding and for discharging stored electrical charge when current flowing through the first winding is interrupted is anticipated by Kraley et al.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 8 and 10-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The added limitation wherein the transformer comprises a third winding substantially similar to the second winding so that the third winding has a voltage similar to the voltage across the second winding as detailed in claim 8 has not been found. It is further noted that the examiner's reasons are understood to be predicated upon consideration of each of the claims as a whole, and not upon any specific elements of the claims.

8. The information disclosure statement filed October 14, 2003 fails in-part to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because:

- It fails to include a legible copy of each foreign patent and publication or that portion which caused it to be listed,
- A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from applicant's specification or incorporated therein.
- A copy of the translation if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in § 1.56(c).
- other patents or publications are cumulative.

It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits with exception to any cited U.S. Patent. It is noted however, foreign patents and documents cited that include a legible copy of the same have been considered. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement,

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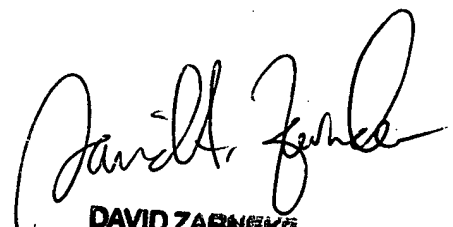
including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

9. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s) from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell Kobert whose telephone number is (571) 272-1963. The Examiner's Supervisor, Michael J. Tokar, can be reached at (571) 272-1812. For an automated menu of Tech Center 2800 phone numbers call (571) 272-2800.



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